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Section	22	Night time child care (N.J.A.C. 10:126-6.22)	

§10:126-6.22 Night time child care

(a) The provider, substitute or alternate provider shall be awake and alert to meet the needs of the children at all times.

(b) If a child is in the care of the provider after 6:00 P.M., the provider shall establish a bedtime routine, in consultation with that child's parent(s) or guardian(s) and taking into account the age and developmental needs of the child and the time of the child's scheduled pick-up from the home.

(c) The provider shall provide, or shall ensure that each enrolled child's parent(s) or guardian(s) provide, appropriate clothing for the child to wear while sleeping;

(d) If a provider has one or more bunk beds for the use of enrolled children, the provider shall ensure that no child under seven years of age is placed in a top bunk, and the bunk bed meets requirements as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:126-6.13(h).

(e) The provider shall ensure that no enrolled child shares a sleeping room with an adult.

(f) The provider shall ensure that all beds, cots, cribs and mattresses have firm surfaces and meet the standards established by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, which can be found at <http://www.cpsc.gov/>.

(g) Breakfast shall be served to each child who goes directly to school from nighttime care, unless breakfast is provided by the school or by the parent(s) or guardian(s).

